

**DWR Certifies Dutch  
Slough Restoration  
Project Final EIR**

The Department of Water Resources has certified and approved the Dutch Slough Tidal Marsh Restoration Project Environmental Impact Report. The EIR is now final for the west Delta wetlands restoration project. "Not only is the Dutch Slough Restoration Project truly comprehensive in its scope, but it is identified as an early action project in the recent 2009 water legislation signed by Gov. Schwarzenegger," said DWR Director Mark Cowin. [Read more.](#)

**Water Plan Update  
2009 released by  
Water Resources**

State water experts on Tuesday announced publication of the California Water Plan Update 2009. The five-volume report is the newest, most comprehensive reference document on California water conditions, challenges and water resource management, including many topics on the Delta. "The 2009 California Water Plan Update sets forth a blueprint for sustainability and forges a new direction for water management in California," said Lester Snow, Secretary for Natural Resources. "Our new reality is one in which we must manage a resource characterized by uncertainty and vulnerability due to climate change and changing ecosystem needs." [Read the press release.](#)

**Forum on Delta  
water set for  
this Saturday at UOP**

This Saturday, April 3, the University of Pacific Inter-American Program, Hispanics for Political Action and the Coalition of Mexican American Associations will sponsor an information forum in Stockton on current water issues, including water and farm employment in the Delta, conveyance alternatives & levee stability. Recent water legislation and the water bond will also be discussed. [Find more information here.](#)

**Striped Bass on  
agenda of state Fish  
and Game Commission**

The next meeting of the California Fish and Game Commission is scheduled to be held in Monterey next Wednesday, April 7. Commissioners will consider a possible amendment of Striped Bass Sport Fishing Regulations. The Commission meeting schedule and meeting agenda can be found [here](#).

**USBR extends comment  
period on Delta water  
transfer document**

The Bureau of Reclamation has extended the public comment period from last Monday, March 29, to Friday, April 9, for the Draft Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact (EA/FONSI) for the transfer of up to 20,500 acre-feet of Central Valley Project (CVP) water to assist South-of-Delta water service contractors with 2010 and 2011 water supplies. [Read more.](#)

**Comment period  
extended to April 8 on  
Safe Harbor Agreement**

The comment period on the Sacramento Safe Harbor Agreement has been extended to Thursday, April 8. This voluntary pact between the federal government and the Sacramento River Conservation Area Forum would give landowners along the river the opportunity to gain legal protection from violating the federal and state Endangered Species Acts (ESA) while they improve native habitat in the course of their ranching and farming operations. [Read more.](#)

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